

Taking a Closer Look at the Downtown: August-September Engagement Period

Response Matrix for Submissions received during August-September 2019 engagement period

Note: Comments have been summarized.

Row #	Date Received	From (Name/ Company/ Organization)	Stakeholder Comment	Theme	Staff Response
1	Aug 17, 2019	Ron Porter (verbal submission with supplementary images)	Emphasized importance of quality public spaces and pleasant, walkable streets, and the important role of built form and design in achieving these objectives. Supplementary materials consisted of annotated photos of existing spaces in Downtown Burlington and relevant examples outside Burlington, as well as renderings of downtown Burlington environments from the previous Waterfront Hotel study and Downtown Mobility Hub study. These images were annotated with comments related to built form, design, and public spaces.	Safer, More Useable and Inclusive Public Spaces; Walkability/less car-centric/more transit & cycle options; Maintaining the Character of the Downtown/Heritage Preservation; Built Form, Height, and Neighbourhood Transitions; Vision; Design	These comments informed the development of the two preliminary concepts used in the October-December 2019 engagement period.

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2	Aug 20, 2019	Jamie Chisholm (email)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Density is desirable in a mid-rise form. Allow mid-rise everywhere in the downtown, no high-rise. Be flexible to allow less parking Encourage transportation by transit, cycling, and rideshare. Insist on high-quality design with “noble materials” that will age well. Be flexible on setbacks, etc., if it gives developers the latitude to create or connect to unique, quality public spaces. Incentivize affordable housing and housing geared to seniors. Keep high-rises out of downtown by allowing them in Neighbourhood Centres, major malls, and on converted employment lands. Suggests extending boardwalk/waterfront trail eastward into lake using fill and addition of protected boat mooring area for tourism opportunities 	Built Form, Height, and Neighbourhood Transitions; Parking; Walkability/less car-centric/more transit & cycle options;; Design; Safe, Useable & Inclusive Public Spaces; Variety of Housing Options and Affordability	These comments informed the development of the two preliminary concepts used in the October-December 2019 engagement period. Comments related to promoting growth in areas outside of Downtown are out of scope of the current project. Comments related to expansion of Spencer Smith Park into lake through fill are out of scope of the current project. Please refer to Halton Region’s “Burlington Beach Regional Waterfront Park Master Plan” for current approved park plan, available on Region of Halton website
3	Aug 27, 2019	Weston Consulting on behalf of Victoria Brant Ltd. (letter)	Supports the built form permitted for the Brant Plaza (No Frills) site by the Adopted OP (Apr 2018), acknowledges potential for new park, parking, and amenities on Brant Plaza site, while retaining existing level of retail space and adding new employment and residential uses in a mix of buildings ranging from mid-rise to tall.	Built Form, Height, and Neighbourhood Transitions; Preserving and Encouraging Places to Shop and Work; Green Space/Open Space/Parks; Walkability/less car-centric/more transit & cycle options; Parking	These comments informed the development of the two preliminary concepts used in the October-December 2019 engagement period.

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4	Aug 31, 2019	Mayor's Millennial Advisory Committee (email)	Recommendations for downtown: walkable streets; transit options; cycling infrastructure; green spaces; less visible parking; inclusive and useable public spaces that are welcoming and equipped for gatherings for all ages; amenities, arts, and culture; heritage preservation and commemoration; design should be sustainable and focused on pedestrian experience; connections to waterfront.	Walkability/less car-centric/more transit & cycle options; Green Space/Open Space/Parks; Parking; Design; Safer, More Useable and Inclusive Public Spaces; Arts, Culture, Events, People & Amenities; Maintaining the Character of the Downtown/Heritage Preservation; Preservation of Connections to the Waterfront.	These comments informed the development of the two preliminary concepts used in the October-December 2019 engagement period.
5	Sep 16, 2019	Kevin Rahmer (email)	Commentary on perceived failures in past and current planning for Downtown Burlington.	Out of Scope	Comments noted.